

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED: February 11, 2004
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RESPONSE

Remarks

Claims 1-26 are pending in the Application. Claim 1, 12, 19 and 25 are in independent format. The Applicant thanks Examiner Thompson for his courtesy and insight during the telephone interview.

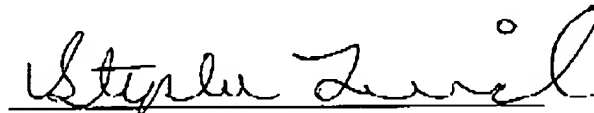
CONCLUSION

The prior art made of record in the Office Action but not relied upon by the Examiner is no more pertinent to Applicant's invention than the cited references for the reasons given above. The Applicant therefore submits that all of the claims in their present form are immediately allowable and requests the Examiner withdraw the §102 and §103 rejections of claims 1-26 and pass all of the claims to allowance.

Respectfully submitted.

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